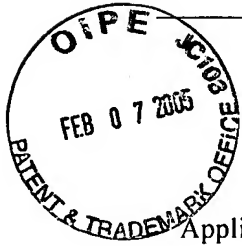


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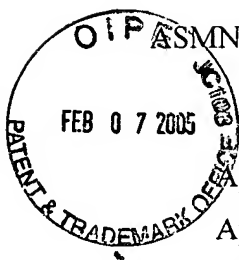
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) A Response to Restriction Requirement in 5 pages.
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Mail Stop Amendment

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Dear Sir:

In an action mailed January 4, 2005, the Examiner required restriction of prosecution to one of the following inventions:

I. Group I, Claims 1-12, drawn to a process for electrochemically removing overburden conductive material formed over cavities having cavity conductive material on a surface of a workpiece, classified in class 438, subclass 631.

II. Group II, Claims 13-22, drawn to an apparatus for electropolishing a conductive layer on a surface of a workpiece, classified in class 257m subclass E21.17.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects, without traverse, to proceed with examination on the merits Group I, Claims 1-12, drawn to a process.

A Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.